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Docket No. 2026-4149US3 *11-25-8*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Stracke, M. et al. Group Art unit : 1652
Serial No. : 08/977,221 Examiner : Longton, E.
Filed : November 24, 1997
For : AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN
USEFUL IN CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 28, 1998, applicants present the following election. Applicants have petitioned herewith and paid the fee for a one-month extension of time thereby extending the period for reply up to and including November 28, 1998.

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I (claims 3-6, 11, 12 and 16-19) in this application. This election is made with traverse.

AUTHORIZATION

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2026-4149US3.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2026-4149US3. A
DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

Dated: November 10, 1998

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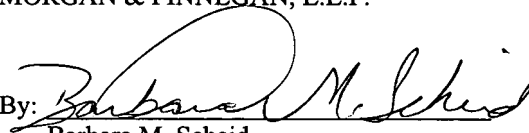
Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Response To Restriction Requirement (in duplicate); Petition and Fee For Extension Of Time (37 C.F.R. §1.36(a)) (in duplicate); Check in the amount of \$110.00; and Return Receipt Postcard, along with any paper(s) referred to as being attached or enclosed) and this Certificate of Mailing are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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